Portland—They waited nearly an hour in cold, rainy conditions, but nearly 200 military members were all smiles as they applauded the arrival of President George W. Bush upon his arrival at Portland Air Base, Saturday, January 5.

Flanked by Oregon Rep. Greg Walden, (R) and Sen. Gordon Smith (R), the president was greeted by the Maj. Gen. Alexander H. Burgin, Oregon’s adjutant general, Brig. Gen. Wayne Green, chief of staff, Oregon Air National Guard, and Col. Garry Dean, commander, 142nd Fighter Wing. Bush also shook hands with several Portland firefighters and local Red Cross volunteers.

Before boarding his limousine, the president walked to a waiting crowd of nearly 200 military members—many of whom were families of those who serve. “It wasn’t the typical welcome, but he shook nearly every hand and greeted each person,” said Lt. Col. Gary Eckert, commander, 142nd Logistics Squadron. “The crowd left with a feeling that this president truly cares about the military and the many sacrifices they make to preserve freedom for all Americans.”

Pfc. Beth Rowley carries the Olympic flame through downtown Salem during the Olympic torch relay in January. Rowley is assigned to HHD/741st CSB in Clackamas, and attached to C Co., 3-116 Cavalry in The Dalles, as a supply specialist.

Laurie was the mother 18 years ago who made the Olympic prophecy. The baby was Pfc. Beth Rowley, now attached to Co. C, 3-116 Cavalry in The Dalles.

Rowley was among about 120 Oregonians chosen to carry the Olympic flame on its 15,300 mile relay from Greece to Salt Lake City for the 2002 Winter Olympics.

The torch weighs about three pounds, is 33 inches long, and three inches wide at the top. It is made of silver, copper and glass, and is designed to look like a mountain icicle.

The glass represents light, winter and ice; the aged silver finish represents the west and dripping water; high-polish silver symbolizes the heart and speed of athletes; and copper represents fire, passion, and Utah’s history, according to the official web site of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.

Rowley, 19, is a supply specialist for Co. C. She is the only female attached to a unit of all men. “I’m really proud of her, Sgt. 1st Class Bill Smith, Rowley’s recruiter, said. “She’s an excellent soldier. She adapted really well in a unit of men.”

Rowley joined the Oregon National Guard through a high school program at Dufur High School in Dufur, Ore. She is also a trained co-facilitator at The Dalles High Ropes Course.

“Beth is the epitome of what a female high school student and soldier should become,” Smith said.

Torchbearers were nominated by family members, friends and colleagues who wrote a 50 to 100 word essay explaining how the nominees embodied the Olympic spirit and provided inspiration to their communities.

Rowley’s friends and co-workers mailed a letter to the Olympic committee to nominate her to carry the torch.

Part of the reason Rowley’s friends decided to nominate her is her ability to motivate the people she is around. “I am totally in shock, but really excited!” to be carrying the torch, Rowley said.

Rowley is a student at Western Oregon University, majoring in elementary education.

Rowley’s mother is a teacher at Dufur School. Her stepfather is a member of the Oregon Air National Guard. She has one brother, who is a student at Oregon State University.
From my perspective, we are starting calendar year 2002 with a great deal of momentum regarding personnel readiness. The quality statistics for both the Air and Army Guard units are improving dramatically. Nationally, we are being recognized for the outstanding results that we have currently achieved. All of you in our field units have made this progress possible. With that in mind, we are on an additional growth, and I am sure our leadership is committed to make that a reality. Recently, I conducted town hall meetings in 16 locations around the state. I truly enjoy these opportunities to visit with you in our various facilities. Many of the points that you raise are already in the process of being resolved, but we have a responsibility to adequately respond to all your concerns. It was refreshing to see how much you care about the soldiers and airmen that serve our organization. I appreciate your honest feedback and your willingness to meet all mission requirements.

National Guard Bureau has established fiscal year 2002 as the Year of Diversity. I am a strong advocate of the merits represented by improving the diversity of the Oregon National Guard. Many people like to measure the full-time force, but significant improvements to the full-time force diversification cannot occur until our traditional force better represents the community.

It says this since the traditional force represents 95 percent or more of the applicant pool for our full-time jobs. Let me share with you NGB’s perspective regarding diversity: “We will soon usher in the Year of Diversity for 2002, a year designed to strengthen our resolve by unleashing the full potential of all of our people and ultimately increasing mission readiness. We will also celebrate the fact that our National Guard consists of people of every race, ethnicity, religion and culture. Our awesome organization is made up of people who have roots that stretch to every area of the United States of America and to every country in the world.”

“In recognition of this initiative and our goal to promote diversity in the workplace, I am announcing the establishment of an annual excellence in diversity award. The award is sponsored by the office of human resource enhancement, designed to promote diversity and combat institutional and individual barriers of exclusion. Awards will be presented to both Air and Army National Guard wing/battalion elements, and individuals in recognition of superior performance and significant contributions within the diversity arena. In addition, an award will be given to a state or territory for their efforts in joint diversity initiatives.”

“Let us prepare for the new year and our monthly diversity initiatives by reaching out to our military and civilian members, and strategically enhancing those people assets that make us a combat-ready workforce.”

Thank you for your support in our efforts to improve readiness. Many opportunities lie ahead of us, and I know you will rise to the challenge.

Command Chief Master Sgt. J. Wayne Stuart

We began the new year 2002 on a sad note with the loss of Chief Master Sgt. (Ret) Billy J. Quinn. Billy leaves each of us a better person for having known him. He will be truly missed. Thanks to all who helped with the services honoring Billy’s life.

On Jan. 5, Maj. Gen. Burgin, Brig. Gen. Green, and Col. Dean welcomed President Bush to Oregon, at the Portland Air Base, for his first visit as our commander in chief. Since the base was not open to the public, about 150 Guardsmen and their families had the opportunity to see and greet the president. Maj. Gen. Burgin has been around the state bringing his town hall meeting to all Oregon National Guard soldiers and airmen. Although we have hundreds of commanders on many of the things he discussed, it is always good to hear the adjutant general’s views first hand.

As we continue into the fifth month of the war on terrorism, we have airmen coming off of orders and others beginning their tours of service. Although it might feel like we are getting into a routine, this is one of the times that our leaders have cautioned us about. A time when long hours and fast pace is the norm. Stress levels can be high. Help one another and take breaks when you can.

I know that many of our service’s sections are also working hard to support the war. Take time to say thanks. I will continue to be around to visit each unit this month. If you have any questions, concerns, or just want to talk about what you are doing, please do so.

God bless America.

Command Chief Master Sgt. J. Wayne Stuart
Soldiers from Troop G, 1-82nd Cavalry, deployed to Germany to train at the combat maneuver training center in Hohenfels. Oregon’s tankers made their presence known to the active component, and earned respect and confidence, while performing aggressively, training efficiently and operating safely.

**By Capt. DON TROXELL**

Headsquarters, 1-82nd Cavalry

Soldiers of Troop G, 1-82nd Cavalry, from Redmond and Woodburn, participated in two successful rotations at the combat maneuver training center (CMTC) from Nov. 10 to Dec. 15, 2001, in Hohenfels, Germany.

Two tank platoons from the Oregon Army National Guard’s only heavy cavalry troop were given the task of augmenting OPFOR battalion at CMTC. Redmond and Woodburn were given the task of augmenting OPFOR battalion at CMTC.

As noted by the active component training staff, the type of success achieved by Troop G in the gunnery trainer was outstanding even for an active component unit.

The final stage of preparations before moving into the box included providing OPFOR support for company-level situational training exercise lanes, which would allow both the blue force and the opposing force to fine tune their battle skills in a more observable and controllable environment than the actual maneuver area would afford.

Once in the box, Troop G tankers wasted no time in making their presence known, within the first 15 minutes of the initial OPFOR attack, the crew of G 4-2, led by tank commander Staff Sgt. Mark Williams, with gunner Cpl. CJ Lucero, engaged and “destroyed” two blue force Apache helicopters.

For their initiative and continued success throughout the battle, the crew of G 4-2 was placed in D/1-4’s elite Team Dragon—the spearhead of the OPFOR armored forces for subsequent battles.

Oregon kids have merry Christmas with help from Air Guard

**By Staff Sgt. AMY ELKER**

H-22nd Public Affairs Office

With the wintertime chill upon us, most of us don’t think twice about reaching into our closets to grab warm coats before heading out into the cold. Unfortunately, there are many who cannot afford such a luxury. Thanks to the members of the 142nd Fighter Wing, however, this winter will be a little warmer for those in need.

Master Sgt. Max White, first sergeant for the 142nd Logistics Squadron, was brainstorming ways to assist the Portland community this year when he recalled the vision of a former squadron member—retired Maj. Wayne Wright. Several years ago Wright, a businessman and member of the Clackamas Chamber of Commerce, formed a partnership between the 142nd FW and one of his fellow chamber members to collect new and used coats for donation to various shelters in the community. His partner and friend, Thomas Joseph, owned a dry cleaning business and agreed to clean the collected coats for free. After Wright retired, his vision retired with him; at least until White decided this year to pick up where Wright left off.

First, White distributed collection boxes for the drive to each unit in the wing. The logistics supply section stored the coats in their warehouse until they were ready for shipping and distribution. Then, on Monday, Dec. 9, the vehicle operations section transported the coats to Thomas Joseph’s dry cleaning business. The cleaned coats were given to Clackamas Women’s Services, which assists survivors of domestic violence, and the Clackamas Service Center, which supplies emergency food and clothing to those in need. The coats arrived just in time for Christmas.

White said he is amazed at the sense of generosity on base. Approximately 500 coats were collected for the drive. Master Sgt. Brooke Brooks, first sergeant for the 142nd Security Forces Squadron, alone donated approximately 60 to 70 coats—50 of which were brand new. Brooks, who owns an embroidery business, got the coats donated to him for the purpose of the drive.

“This drive fits the values of the Air Force: Integrity first, then service before self. It is very important for us to give back to the community,” White said.

White also announced that a coat drive will be held next year to continue the tradition.

Debbie Huber and Gary Newman, Air Guard smiles on a child

“Operation Smile on a Child” was in full force at the 142nd Fighter Wing (FW) this season.

For the second consecutive year, the 142nd FW hosted a week known as the “giving tree,” was a success, despite the economic hardships many American citizens are facing.

“This is the most worthwhile cause I’ve ever been involved with,” Master Sgt. Angola Fitzgerald, 142nd Logistics Support Flight (LSF), coordinator and instigator of the program, said.

Last year Fitzgerald, along with Master Sgt. Debbie Huber, 142nd LSF, delivered 205 coats—50 of which were brand new. Brooks, who owns an embroidery business, got the coats donated to him for the purpose of the drive.

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Another standout performance was delivered by Wright of G 2-1, led by Sgt. 1st Class Ernie Stockton, with gunner Sgt. Brandon Martino, loader Spec. Staci Anderson, and driver David Skranic.

During a defensive operation, G 2-1’s crew scored confirmed “kills” on two blue force MIAs and two Bradleys.

OPFOR missions in the box included day and night attacks, movement to contact, and a regimental level defense.

The tankers from Redmond and Woodburn won and kept the respect and confidence of their active duty counterparts throughout their rotations while performing aggressively, training efficiently, and operating safely.

The deployment would not have been complete without experiencing the sights such as Nuremburg Castle and Neuschwanstein Castle—the very castle Walt Disney used as a model for the Magic Kingdom castles at Disneyland and Walt Disney World.

CMTC Hohenfels proved to be a great example of successful reserve-active integration and professional bonding.

Troop G knew it had left its mark when, at the end of the final formation, D/1-4’s first sergeant announced to his colleagues and the departing Guardsmen that he “would go to war with G Troop any day.”
The Retired Officers Association giving away 100 scholarships

The Retired Officers Association (TROA) is giving away scholarship money, and they ask for help in identifying deserving students from among the dependents of children of members of the National Guard.

“Base/Post Scholarship” is a TROA program to honor 100 college-bound or current undergraduate students with individual $1,000 scholarship grants for the 2002-2003 school year. These awards will be based entirely on merit: scholarship, citizenship, and leadership. TROA membership is not required and there are no need-based criteria, no essays and no fees. Students can apply, quickly and easily, online. Simply go to the application located on their web site: www.troa.org.

To be eligible, a student must be under age 24, working on a first undergraduate degree, and a dependent child of an active duty service person—enlisted, warrant officer or officer. This includes members of the drilling Reserve and National Guard.

Applications must be received by midnight, March 1, 2002.

Oregon National Guard Association scholarships available

The Oregon National Guard Association will be presenting three $1,000 scholarships at the ONGA conference, Aug. 16-17, 2002. They are available to all members of the Oregon National Guard, ONGA life members, or their dependents.

Application deadline is March 15. Scholarship applications are available on the web at www.mil.state.or.us/onga.HTML?Scholarship/ or call the ONGA office at (503) 584-3030, or Lt. Col. Marilyn Woodward at (503) 584-3931.

Send completed applications to: Oregon National Guard Association, ATTN: Scholarship Committee, PO Box 12786, Salem, Oregon 97309-5008.

VA home loan benefits increase under benefits expansion act

American Forces Press Service reports that the recently-passed Veterans Education and Benefits Expansion Act of 2001 has increased the guaranty on VA home loans from $50,750 to $60,000.

The increase means eligible veterans can use their loan benefit to purchase a home costing as much as $240,000 without a down payment.

The act also extends the VA’s Native American veterans housing loan program to Dec. 31, 2005.

The program’s ceiling is $80,000, except in certain high-cost areas where the VA has approved up to $120,000.

In addition, the act increases specialty home buy grants from $43,000 to $48,000 for severely disabled veterans who need homes built to accommodate their disabilities.

Another grant program for housing adaptations for less seriously disabled vets has its ceiling raised to $9,250 from $5,280.

Finally, the new law also extends housing loans for National Guard and Reserve personnel from September 2001 to December 31, 2002. Reserve component personnel are authorized the same home loan guarantees as active duty personnel.

2002 Defense Appropriations Act signed by President Bush

President George W. Bush signed the fiscal 2002 Defense Appropriations Act into law at a Pentagon ceremony, Jan. 10.

“We can never pay our men and women in uniform on a scale that matches their sacrifices,” Bush said. “But this bill reflects our respect for the American service women in uniform on a scale that matches their sacrifices,” Bush said.

With the signing, Bush approved both the $317 billion Defense Appropriations Act and the $20 billion emergency supplemental Congress passed in response to the September 11 terror attacks.

The legislation funds an average pay increase of 6.9 percent for military personnel.

It cuts the out-of-pocket housing expenses from 15 to 11 percent with elimination of this expenses by fiscal 2005.

This funds the health care of active duty members and their families, and provides over $3.9 billion for health care to active duty retired over 65 and their families.

The act also contains $61 billion for new weapons and $50 billion in re-search and development, including $8 billion for missile defense.

Oregon Air Guard mourns the loss of Billy Joe Quinn

Billy Joe Quinn, a leader, mentor and friend to the Oregon Air National Guard, passed away on Jan. 1, 2002, to cancer.

Quinn was born in Hillsboro on Aug. 25, 1947, to Aaron and Jo Quinn. They moved to Corbett, where they bought the local grocery store in June 1958.

After graduation from Corbett High School in 1965, he attended Northwest Christian College in Eugene until his enlistment in the Air Force. He served as a general’s aide and left the military after a tour in Korea.

He returned to Corbett and worked for a short time in Portland and at Bonneville Dam. He then joined the Oregon Air National Guard where he went to work full time.

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“No matter what was going on in his family, work or church, he always made time to help others,” Brown said. “Billy, we will hold you close to our hearts and cherish memories of time we both have shared, filled with laughter, fun and surprises, but most of all care and understanding. Thank you for just being you. Rest well, my friend, until the day we meet again.”

Safest way for dark winter driving

One month into the 2002 training year, the Oregon Army National Guard lost two soldiers in separate vehicle accidents.

One soldier was lost in an “off duty” accident on his way to drill, and the other was lost in a non-duty vehicle accident. Either way, they are no longer here with their families and friends.

A sergeant first class was involved in a three-vehicle accident on Oct. 13 around 6:10 a.m. on Hwy 38 east of Reedsport. He had been driving from his home in Dexter (west of Oakridge) to his unit on Hwy 38, S of Reedsport, for a more than three hour drive. The platoon formation was set for 6:30 a.m., with the company formation at 6:45 a.m.

The number of hours of sleep is unknown. The police report notes that our soldier’s pick-up drifted into the on-comming lane and struck another pick-up head on, both vehicles would have been traveling close to 55 mph. Another eastbound pick-up then struck the soldier’s vehicle. Our sergeant first class died enroute to the hospital and the driver of the other vehicle was in serious condition.

A staff sergeant lost his life in a one-car accident on Wednesday, Oct. 31 at approximately 2:10 a.m. He was apparently driving home from work. The police report has not yet been received.

Supervisors at all levels are responsible to use management and plan training with soldiers’ other occupations and distances in mind.

Make the drive to the unit and home again part of your training plan.

Drive Smart—Drive Safe!

Lt. Col. M.K. Woodward

Safety Manager
AG marksmanship match scheduled for March

All members of the Oregon National Guard are invited to participate in the 2002 Adjutant General's Combat Marksmanship Match. The AG match is scheduled for March 16-17, 2002, at Camp Rilea.

Events include individual and team competition in combat rifle, combat pistol, light machine gun, small bore pistol, air rifle and air pistol categories.

Soldiers and airmen will have the opportunity to earn "leg" points toward their distinguished marksmanship badge.

Rifle and pistol teams are comprised of four members from the same company, battalion, flight or squadron and must have a minimum of two new shooters who have not previously competed at the AG match or higher level competition. Machine gun teams are comprised of two members, one of which must be a new shooter.

Competitors must report with a unit weapon and equipment, including protective mask.

Scoping spots, binoculars or other sighting devices are recommended. All ammunition will be provided at the match.

Competition should plan on reporting to match headquarters at Camp Rilea Friday evening, March 15, check weapons at weapons security and complete registration.

Matches will be shot throughout the day Saturday and Sunday morning. An awards ceremony will follow the completion of firing Sunday afternoon.

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Combat zone tax exclusion available for deployed soldiers

If a soldier had combat zone tax exclusion for 2001, the net taxable wages will appear in block one on form W-2.

Soldiers still serving in any area designated as a combat zone will not be charged penalties or interest for under withholding.

These soldiers are also entitled to an automatic extension for 180 days from the last day served in the combat zone for filing their taxes.

The date of entry and date of exit from the combat zone should be written in red ink at the top of their tax returns.

Soldiers participating in Operation Joint Force and filing electronically should write “supporting former Yugoslavia” on the top left corner of IRS Form 8453, US individual income tax declaration for electronic filing. If filing paper returns, “supporting former Yugoslavia” should be written across the top of the return in red ink.

Soldiers serving in other combat zones should also use Form 8453, but with the applicable operational designation to ensure the IRS is aware of their special status.

Let your voice be heard to your fellow soldiers and airmen

Read any stories on your unit in the newspaper lately? If not, you should. Why? What you read in the Airzur is directly related to what units send in. You must be covered and have the eyes and ears of the ones who report what’s happening.

The Airzur has a small staff, and we can’t be all over the state at the same time. There are not enough of us to call each Oregon Army and Air National Guard unit, much less visit each one.

Leader: Don’t miss the opportunity to learn floors for a living. No job is beneath a leader. If Bill could clean latrines and sweep floors, why aren’t you? Don’t sell your potential. Consider a leadership career.

Pursue excellence. No matter what task life hands you, do it well. Dr. Martin Luther King said, “In the end, we will remember not the words and tropes, but the deeds.” Bill modeled that philosophy and helped make our dormitory a home.

Life is a leadership laboratory. All too often we look to some school or class to teach us what leadership is all about. Military customs, as well as common courtesies, help bond a team. When our daily words to Bill turned from perfunctory “hello” to heartfelt greetings, his demeanor and personality outwardly changed. It made a difference for all of us.

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Leaders should be humble. Most modern day heroes are some leaders. They are anything but humble, especially if you calibrate your “hero meter” on today’s athletic fields. End zone celebratory self-aggrandizement is something only we’ve come to expect from sports greats. Not Bill—he was too busy working to celebrate his past accomplishments. Leaders would be well-served to do the same.

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During his captivity, a German guard clubbed him with his rifle. Bill tolerated the beatings, stood his ground, took the rifle away, and beat the guard unconscious. A German doctor’s testimony saved him from severe punishment, perhaps death. To stay ahead of the advancing Russian army, the prisoners were marched 500 miles in three weeks, then put in a concentration camp in the middle of winter, subsisting on one potato a day. An Allied tank column liberated the camp in the spring of 1945, and Crawford took his first steps on American soil 18 months on VE day. Crawford stayed in the Army before retiring as a master sergeant, Public Affairs Office, in 1964. President Ronald Reagan officially presented the Medal of Honor to Crawford.

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Full name and rank: Senior Airman Justin Wright

Age: 22

Hometown: Klamath Falls, Ore.

Unit: 270th Air Traffic Control Squadron

MOS and job title: IC151 Air Traffic Controller

Length of service: 3 years

Civilian occupation: None

Family: Katrina (wife, 21); Jacob (son, 7 months)

Goals for the next year: Spend as much time as possible with my family, but also participate in deployments, and travel

Favorite deployment: North Bend, Ore. (2000)

Most memorable military experience: I’ll never forget my training experience at Kingsley Tower.

Personal heroes: Jimmy Don Wright...An excellent person, I wish everyone could get a chance to know this man.
March

Value the civilian side of the National Guard

✓ Observe women’s history month

Human diversity makes tolerance more than a virtue; it makes it a requirement for survival.

—Rene Dubos

April

Unleash the full potential of all National Guard members

✓ Empower your people to increase productivity

✓ Identify your personal goals and how to achieve them

So, let us not be blind to our differences, but let us also direct attention to our common interests, and to the means by which those differences can be resolved. And if we cannot end now our differences, at least we can make the world safe for diversity.

—John F. Kennedy

May

Mentorship...

Plant the seeds for future success today

✓ Observe Asian-American, Pacific Islander heritage month

✓ Volunteer, recruit mentors

A hundred times everyday I remind myself that my inner and outer life depend on the labors of other men, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received and am still receiving.

—Albert Einstein

June

Fly the flag, foster pride, be fair and inclusive in all your actions

We have an American problem. It can only be solved by all Americans working together. I want you to find strength in your diversity.

—Colin Powell

Jump

Promote the promise Implement diversity

✓ Recognize strengths and implement diversity

✓ Do a self-assessment and development

Our goal has been to have our communities from which we draw look like their neighbors in their diversity.

—Lt. Gen. Russell C. Davis
But he told me “when things seem wrong and they aren’t what you want them to be, sometimes gifts are given to people in different ways.”

I watched the play having greater appreciation of the message given to me. The impact that both King and X had on the world in that statement came to life. I believe King’s life was a gift to the world.

I’m convinced both men would be surprised today, because had they both lived, those ugly images seen in the 60s would have been replaced by the visions of firemen pulling a multitude of Americans of different cultures and religions and people from at least 50 other nations out of the debris of what was once New York’s World Trade Center.

The vicious police dogs are now docile, bomb-sniffing canines. America is now more united than ever.

In a tense moment, during the play, King and X tussled with strength, ideology and words.

King said he won the Nobel Prize because he was promoting peace. Malcolm replied tersely. “No, the award was for getting beat and not fighting back.”

The contradiction of views came to a close as the two envisioned the possibilities of a combined effort.

“I imagine what we could have accomplished if we could have put our hands together and pushed in the same direction,” said King to X. “You want to free blacks and I want to free America. Don’t we really want the same things?”

This February, take a look at how far we’ve come as a nation.

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### Volunteer to Help the Needy in Your Community

- Identify goals for next year
- Mentor more than one person for your job
- Recognize, reward and foster leadership
- Support diversity in recruiting
- Observe national disability employment awareness month
- Observe American Indian awareness month
- Celebrate a multicultural event
- Reap the benefits of diversity education in our actions with others
- Be thankful for the diverse contributions of the National Guard
- Recognize the diversity of our National Guard team
- Highlight your year of success
- Observe Hispanic heritage month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15)
- Mentorship... Let the legacy continue
- Discover the excellence in our diversity of thought

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**~Benjamin Franklin**

*They for use were made. What’s a sundial in the shade?*

**~Margaret Mead**

*The organization reflect the in our people. Our units should reflect the hometowns.*

**~Chief, National Guard Bureau**

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**~Richard M. Nixon**

*If you are a decision maker in your organization and you look around the room and everybody looks like you—you’re probably doing something wrong. If everyone doesn’t look like you but thinks like you—you’re really doing something wrong.*

**~Samuel Betances**

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**~Abdin Noboa**

*But he told me “when things seem wrong and they aren’t what you want them to be, sometimes gifts are given to people in different ways.”*
Troops to Teachers program offered for retirees and veterans

They are disciplined, smart, motivated, goal-oriented and have a disposition to serve. Sounds like what makes good service members. It also sounds like what makes good teachers, so DoD and the education department have resurrected the Troops to Teachers program with an $18 million infusion from the fiscal 2002 federal budget.

The new money will give retiring or separating service members a chance to become teachers.

“T his gives departing military personnel a chance to continue their lives of service,” said John Molino, deputy assistant defense secretary for military community and family policy.

Those retiring from the military have always qualified for the program. The fiscal 2002 defense authorization act adds a new eligible group: service members who separate after six years or more of service, are not eligible for retirement, and agree to serve three years in the reserve components.

The program is a particular favorite of first lady Laura Bush. She sees Troops to Teachers as a “win-win” situation: Service members get second careers, and schools get highly qualified people with proven track records.

“T his program gives both President and Mrs. Bush’s interest in the program,” Molino said.

The program will pay service members up to $5,000 stipend to help cover the costs of a teacher certification program.

Some participants would also receive a $10,000 bonus in lieu of the stipend if they accept a job in a “high-needs” district. Those retiring from the military have always qualified for the program.

Some beneficiaries mistakenly believe which are not Tricare covered benefits. The cap is the maximum amount of out-of-pocket costs these beneficiaries will not exceed. The catastrophic cap is $1,000 for active duty family members who have paid more than $3,000 out-of-pocket for medical care during a fiscal year (Oct. 1 through Sept. 30). For active duty family members, the catastrophic cap remains $1,000 per fiscal year.

The catastrophic cap reduction is retroactive to Oct. 1, 2000.

Retirees, their family members and survivors who have paid more than $3,000 out-of-pocket for medical care during a fiscal year are eligible for reimbursement.

The managed care support contractors (MCSC) will search their files and identify beneficiaries due refunds. Beneficiaries who have saved their receipts and choose to initiate a request for reimbursement may do so by contacting their regional claims processor for guidance on where to submit their receipts and claims.

It is not necessary for beneficiaries to resubmit claims already paid by Tricare to qualify for reimbursement of the amount paid over the catastrophic cap.

For retirees, their family members and survivors enrolled in Tricare Prime, there is an enrollment year cap. The enrollment year cap begins on the anniversary date of enrollment in Tricare Prime, and applies to all enrollees.

Catastrophic caps, both fiscal year and enrollment year combined, will not exceed $3,000 in a given 12-month period for retirees, their family members and survivors, and $1,000 for family members of active duty survivors.

Once the catastrophic cap and enrollment year cap (combined) are met by Tricare Prime enrollees, Tricare will pay up to the Tricare allowable amount for all covered services (excluding point-of-service charges which do not count toward the catastrophic cap).

For beneficiaries who are not enrolled in Tricare Prime, Tricare will pay up to the Tricare allowable amount for all covered services for the remainder of the fiscal year after the fiscal year cap is met. Retirees, family members and survivors remain responsible for the cost of all services and treatments received which are not Tricare covered benefits.

Some beneficiaries mistakenly believe that the $3,000 catastrophic cap is the ceiling on the amount that Tricare will cover for a family during any given year, however the opposite is true.

The cap will protect retirees, their family members and survivors from paying more than $3,000 out-of-pocket for medical care.

For additional information on catastrophic cap reduction, beneficiaries are encouraged to contact the nearest Tricare service center or military treatment facility beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinators for assistance.

Retiree Service Office

Open every Tuesday
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

(503) 584-3804 or (800) 452-7500 ext. 3804
E-mail: RSO@or.nbg.army.mil
Mail inquiries to:
Retiree Service Office
PO Box 14350
Salem, Oregon 97309

Retiree Profile

Name and rank: Charles Wesley “Chuck” Kuhlman, Col (Ret)

Age: 63

Hometown: Graduated from Mill City High School and Oregon College of Education; lived in Turner, Ore., for 32 years

Year retired: 1988

Unit(s): HQ STARC; 141 Support Battalion, 249 Artillery

Length of service: Over 32 years in the National Guard, 13 years in the State Defense Force. Currently a colonel in the State Defense Force and the HQ STARC liaison officer

Present or former civilian occupation: Wine salesman for Willamette Valley Vineyards; executive director and coordinator for the Oregon National Guard Association

Family: Wife, Virginia (Ginny); sons, Tim, Tom and Ted

Goals for the next year: Learn QuickBooks and more computer skills; make money for the National Guard

Favorite deployment: Alaska—“Operation Brim Frost”

Most memorable military experience: Being commander of the 234th Army Band while CWO Barton was at school

Personal hero: Maj. Gen. Richard Miller, former adjutant general of Oregon. He had a great disposition and smile, and had an innovative and motivational personality.
Safeguard those DD 214s to prevent identity theft and fraud

Army News Service reports that soldiers separating from the military should avoid filing their Department of Defense Form 214 (military discharge) with their local county courthouse. Transition counselors are advising soldiers to safeguard their personal information to guard against credit fraud. Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in the U.S. today, according to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), and servicemembers are invited targets because everything is tied to their Social Security numbers.

In a recent case, a Navy retiree received a phone call from American Express stating that someone was trying to cash a $9,000 check in his name made out to an unknown person. Investigation revealed that the retiree's lawyer had stolen his identity. The family who deployed to a laptop with several thousand military names, Social Security numbers and other information on it.

The common link among the veterans on the list was that they had filed their DD-214s with their county courthouse. Once the DD 214 is filed at a courthouse, it becomes a public record.

Servicemembers are advised to safeguard their DD-214 form as they would any valuable object such as placing it in a safe deposit box.

New clothing allowances now in effect for fiscal year 2002

New rates in military clothing allowances are now in effect, reports Air Force Press Service. Uniform allowances for FY 2002 are:

- Enlisted male: basic $205.20 and standard $321.20
- Enlisted female: basic $230.40 and standard $331.20

Permanent-duty civilian clothing annual replacement allowance $270.48
Temporary-duty civilian clothing allowance ($150) reported $270.48

TDY civilian clothing allowance (90/36 rule): $540.97

Civilian clothing allowances for people on TDY are based on the number of days they are required to wear civilian clothing while TDY.

If an individual is TDY to a civilian clothing allowance location 15 days out of 30, either consecutively or cumulatively, the maximum amount payable is one-third of the permanent-duty civilian clothing allowance.

If they are TDY 30 days out of 36 or consecutively or accumulatively, the maximum amount payable is two-thirds of the permanent-duty civilian clothing allowance.

DoD helping to cover medical expenses for mobilized reservists

The DoD is helping to cover out-of-pocket medical expenses for Reservists mobilized to support operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom.

Families of Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for more than 30 days and Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for more than 178 days, the family may qualify for Tricare Prime Remote (TRICARE Prime option) or Tricare Prime Remote.

The Tricare Standard and Extra deductible will be waived for care of families of Reserve Officers activated since Sept. 11, and Tricare Standard will pay 115 percent of what is usually allowed for care under existing guidelines.

The change may allow Reservists’ family members to continue with their provider (if the provider is authorized) and reduce out-of-pocket expenses.

The demonstration project also waives the need for Reservists’ families to obtain nonavailability statements for inpatient or specialty care.

More information about Tricare benefits is available at the Tricare website, www.tricare.osd.mil

Veterans health care programs legislations signed into law

President Bush recently signed legislation that adds $1.4 billion to strengthen health care programs for the nation’s 25 million veterans.

The new law, HR 3347, will allow the VA will lower co-payments for hospital inpatient care by 80 percent for veterans meeting a new regional means test.

This could translate into an out-of-pocket savings of over $600 for each hospitalization.

Other improvements include a trained service dog program for disabled veterans, a national commission to enhance recruitment and retention of nurses at VA facilities; establishing chiropactic services within the VA health care system on a nationwide basis; and Spinal and medical rehabilitation (i.e., for mental illness, spinal cord injuries and prosthesis) in each of the VA’s 22 health care networks.

Kosovo medal and streamers approved and awarded

The President has approved establishment and award of the Kosovo Campaign Medal (KCM) and campaign streamers to recognize the accomplishments of military service members participating in or in direct support of Kosovo operations within established areas of eligibility.

Service members authorized the KCM must have participated in or served in direct support of Kosovo operations: Allied Force; Joint Guardian; Allied Harbour; and Support and Sustain Hope; Noble Anvil; or Kosovo Task Forces: Hawk; Saber; Falcon, or Hunter.

The areas of eligibility are:

- Kosovo air campaign: The total land area and air space of Serbia, Montenegro, Albania, Macedonia, and the waters and air space of the Adriatic and Ionian Seas north of the 39th north latitude.

- Kosovo defense campaign: The total land area and air space of Serbia, Montenegro, Albania, Macedonia, and the waters and air space of the Adriatic Sea within 12 nautical miles of the Montenegro, Albania and Croatia coastlines.

Award criteria: Service members must be members of a unit participating in or engaged in direct support of the operation for 30 consecutive days in the area of eligibility or for 60 nonconsecutive days provided this support involves entering the operation area of eligibility.

One bronze star shall be worn on the qualification and service ribbon of the KCM for qualified participation during the campaign period.

A campaign streamer is authorized for the Kosovo air campaign and the Kosovo defense campaign. Campaign streamers are awarded after a campaign has ended.

The KCM will be worn in chronologically sequence after the Southwest Asia Service Medal or after the last service award.

Family care plans crucial to children’s well-being during deployments

About 36,000 single-parent soldiers are in America’s Army today. Another 27,000 soldiers are part of a dual-military couple.

These figures don’t even include soldiers who deploy and leave their families home alone, making their spouses temporary sole parents.

Every single-parent soldier, dual-military parent, and single and dual-military pregnant soldier is required to develop a family care plan by Army Regulation 600-20.

Emergency-essential civilians are also encouraged to have a family care plan.

The plan, DA Form 3305, as a minimum includes proof that a guardian has agreed to care for dependent children under the age of 18.

Proxies for patients in medical care, guardianship and the authorization to start or stop financial support should be in the packet.

Military identification cards should be issued for children who reside with a single parent or dual military couple.

Lastly, the regulation requires a letter of instruction to the guardian/escort.

This letter should contain specific instructions for the guardian to ensure the child’s safety.

Things the regulation doesn’t require but experts say should be considered for the packet include: birth certificates, social security cards, shot records, other medical or insurance cards, medication dosages for the child if necessary, and lists of family member addresses and phone numbers in case of emergency.

“What it boils down to is that the family care plan is something that may be utilized and not just a paper exercise,” said John Meixell, attorney advisor with the Army legal assistance policy division.

“Soldiers need to make realistic decisions as to who they trust with the care of their children and provide them with all the info they need to exercise reasonable care.”

To make an assessment on what is and is not reasonable care, officials say the planning process should be ongoing and not begin at the last minute.

“A deployment or mobilization is a really stressful situation to start with,” said Mary Ellen Pratt, who heads the US Army community and family care family support center. “When families have to make decisions as to who they trust with the care of their children, that’s really going to affect how ready you are to go off on a deployment.”

Officials also recommend that parents keep documents such as birth certificates in one place (an accordion-style organizer or file cabinet special drawer).

They say parents should label or tab folders to make it easy for the guardian to find documents fast.

They say parents should make advance contact with financial institutions, children’s doctors, schools and daycare providers prior to deployment.

They even recommend giving these agencies a copy of the family care plan.

With more than 23,600 National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers mobilized so far for Operation Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, Sgt. Maj. Charles Steele of the New York National Guard said families need to be proactive in getting their contingency plan’s focus is on more than just providing families with rosters.

“A single parent or dual-military family has to give serious thought to their FCP (family care plan),” said Steele.
Uniform policy changes are a focus of updated AR 670-1

More than 10 changes in the Army’s uniform policy are currently being staffed for an update of Army Regulation 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia.

“Some of the changes are different nail colors, contact lenses, cell phones, bloused heads, headgear, ‘camelbacks,’ desert battle dress uniform insignia, and physical fitness uniform insignia,” said Master Sgt. Kittie Messman, the uniform policy noncommissioned officer at the office of the secretary of the Army. Items that will be re-worded include those governing tattoos and body piercing, identification bracelets, civilian bags, and uniform policy based on religious practices.

AR 670-1 was last revised in 1992, but is programmed to be updated up to the pace of changing times.

“The regulation has to change,” Messman said. “If we’re still being wear consistent, it would be about time it was changed.”

Until the revised regulation is signed by the secretary of the Army, the regulation updated in 1992 is still in effect.

As the law states, this includes individuals and families. Individuals and families is one addition to the regulation that was generated by technology, Messman said.

At one time, cell phones and pagers were only common for people in the medical field, but now the Army has downsized, and people are doing more than one job at the same time. Soldiers have to be able to go out and do their jobs without being tied to their desk.

Messman is the principal advisor for changes to the uniform policy, but she said the changes that are being staffed came from recommendations.

“We depend a lot on leadership in the field,” Messman said. “They know the young soldiers of today. I get theirinput that the regulations we’re doing isn’t what wasn’t allowed before, or when something starts becoming a distraction and education.”

The policy change authorizing braids and cornrows is an example of items that were once seen as inappropriate in the military field, but are now considered personal, conservative and business-like, Messman said. And the policy clarification that prohibits two-toned manicured nails is an example of a growing trend that has no place in the work area, she added.

“We don’t won’t to rob people of their individuality,” Messman said. “Our goal is to create a conservative, professional image and some of the trendy styles will not accomplish that goal.”

Good-looking hands are important.

Dreadlocks are prohibited for all soldiers. Prohibited hair dye colors include purple, blue, pink, green, orange, bright fire-engine red, khaki or camouflage. Applied colors must look natural on the individual soldier. Women are authorized to wear colored nails on their fingernails only. Unfiled or colored contacts, and contact lenses that are out of solution are prohibited. The only contacts authorized are opaque lenses when prescribed for eye injuries, and clear contact lenses for cosmetic wear.

One electronic device is authorized for wear on the uniform, in the performance of official duties. The device must be either a cell phone or pager—not both. The device must be black in color and may not exceed 4x2x1 inches. Devices must be properly protected. The interior of the suitcase must not be worn on the uniform and must be carried in the hand, in a bag, or in some other carrying container. Employees working with explosives shall wear the bloused hairpiece no lower than the third eyetlet from the top of the boot.

Another exemption is from wearing headgear to evening social events after retreat.

The Army flash is the only flash authorized on the black beret, unless authorization for distinctive flashes was granted before June 14, 2001.

“Leadership should authorize the use of ‘camelbacks’ for field duty or on work details. Soldiers will not use these devices in a Garrison environment, unless leadership approves,” Messman said.

Sew-on insignia is now authorized for the desert BDUs; colors are khaki and spiced brown combinations. Soldiers may wear the same insignia and awards as are worn on the woodland camouflage battle uniform dress uniform.

Messman said that a pregnant soldier should wear the PT uniform until the uniform becomes too small or too uncomfortable. At that time, pregnant soldiers may wear civilian equivalent workout attire. Leaders will not require soldiers to purchase larger PT uniforms to accommodate the pregnancy.

Travellers can keep frequent flier miles for personal travel

The Fiscal Year 2002 National Defense Authorization Act allows officials to travel to accept promotional items, including frequent flier miles, and use for personal travel.

According to the new law, any promotional items through official travel are exempt from being taxed.

The act also grandfather(s) mileage received before its passing.

“As the law states, this includes personal use of the promotional items regardless of when the mileage was accrued,” Messman said.

“Whoever knowingly wears a medal not authorized by Congress...shall be fined or imprisoned not more than six months or both,” Messman said, “ac- cording to Title 18 U.S. Code, section 704, Military Medal or Decorations.”

Legislation introduced in House to protect Reservists’ salaries

Legislation has been introduced in the House to protect the pay of Reservists and Guard members that are federal employees, in case they are called to active duty.

The legislation, sponsored by Rep. Gutierrez (D-Fla.) and Bob Filner (D-Calif.) has been devised a bill that would require federal agencies to make up the difference between a Reservist’s federal pay and the pay he or she would receive if the employee does not face a pay cut. The bill would apply to salaries paid on or after September 11.

Reservists are federal employees, and about 65,000 would be required to leave their civil service jobs in a full mobilization.

The proposal has the support of the Reserve Officers Association, the Enlisted Association of the National Guard (EANG), the Reserve Forces Officers Association and the American Fed- eration of Government Employees.

Space-A travel on medevac C-9 aircraft no longer an option

Space-A travel on medical evacuation C-9 aircraft is no longer an option outside of the contiguous United States, according to Air Mobility Command.

As of the beginning of September, only a small percentage of patients, medical personnel, chaplains and patient attendeess on official travel orders are authorized for Space-A travel.

Non-medical attendees are not authorized to travel on these flights.

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Two weeks after the War of 1812 officially ended with the signing of the Treaty of Ghent, General Andrew Jackson achieves the greatest military victory of the war at the Battle of New Orleans. In September 1814, an impressive American victory at the Battle of New Orleans, which was fought invading British forces back into Canada and led to the conclusion of peace negotiations, was signed. The peace agreement was signed on Dec. 24, word did not reach the British forces assailing the Gulf coast in time to halt a major attack. On Jan. 8, 1815, the British marched against New Orleans, hoping that by capturing the city they could separate Louisiana from the rest of the United States. Pi-rate sailing rose, however, that had shocked the Americans of the attack, and the invading British found militiamen under Jackson strongly entrenched at the Rodriquez Canal. In two separate assaults, the 7,500 British soldiers under Sir Edward Pakenham were unable to displace the US defenses, and Jackson's 4,500 troops, many of them expert marksmen from Kentucky and Tennessee, decimated the British line in half an hour. The British had retreated, Pakenham was dead, and nearly 2,000 of his men were killed or wounded. The British suffered only eight killed and 13 wounded. Although the battle had no bearing on the outcome of the war, it raised the possibility of a British victory, and the victory elevated national pride, which had suffered a number of setbacks during the War of 1812. The Battle of New Orleans was also the last armed engagement between the United States and Britain.

The Civil War 1861-1865 Lincoln issues Emancipation Proclamation Jan. 1, 1863 During the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln issues the Emancipation Proclamation, which effectively abolished slavery.


Klamath Falls — Saturday, March 5, the first president of the United States to ever touch down at Kingsley Field on board Air Force One made a whirlwind tour of Klamath Falls Weyerhaeuser Lumber facilities.

President Ronald Reagan spent 2 1/2 hours meeting with local and state government officials as well as the Air Force

National Guard plays key role in presidential visit

The Azuwur staff recently found back issues of the paper dating to 1974. As the Oregon Guard continues looking for ways to better organize search for back issues, a newspaper announcing Japan's defeat.

...on military history

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Decorations

Army Achievement Medal

CPL Adanroland Garcia 241 MI
CPL Bradley Beverly E/4-162 IN
CPL Russell Clark B/649 EN
CPL Justin Everly E/624 AV
CPL Lonnie Harrison D/6-162 IN
CPL Kevin Hartman 115 M PAD
CPL Scott Thumman HBC A-162 IN

PV2 Shane Fields B/649 EN
PV2 Graham Hill E/624 AV
PV2 Randy Maders E/624 AV
SPC David Mindilovich USAR
SSG Boume Haddleston USMC
BMT Steven Davis USN
BMD Eric Miller USN

SGT Kurt Powell USNR
MA1 Thyrza Bishop 123 WD
SSgt Robert Algar 272 CBCS
SSgt Dawn Baker 272 CBCS
SSgt Ryan Palmer 272 CBCS
SSgt Roger Petz 272 CBCS

SSgt Ross Johnson 272 CBCS
Mllt Michael Caesel 272 CBCS
Mllt Bruce Davidson 272 CBCS
SSRA William Dewey 272 CBCS
SSRA Scott Perry 272 CBCS
SSRA Lach Litwier 272 CBCS
SSRA Christine Longfield 272 CBCS

Oregon Distinguished Service Medal

COL Robert Tomasonic HOS TARC
CWS Jackie Johnson HOS TARC

Oregon Exceptional Service Medal

COL Shirley Fong I/HOS TARC
COL John Kendall 5th US Army
WOS Melanie Smith HOS TARC

Oregon Exceptional Service Medal

MSG David Lodding HOS TARC
MSG Robertson Cope HBC A-162 IN

Oregon Commendation Medal

MSG Jonathan Show HSTARC
MSG James Sitter HSTARC
SGT Terry Kennedy A/249 Arm
CIV Darlene Griffith OMD
Col David Pfeue 142 SC
SSgt Ross Halman 142 LSF

Oregon Meritorious Service Medal

COL Harry Leiden 4th Bde
COL Earnest Smith HSTARC

Lt Col Fredric Podhora HSTARC
CPT Jeffrey Bacon HHR-2-218 FA
CPT Bradley Hale HHR-2-218 FA
CPT Carter McLennan HQR 249 EN
CPT Dwayne Schriever HHR 249 EN
CPT Lyle Simshaw F/82 CAV
LIT John Nolden C/1-249 EN
CPT Robert Frasier HHR 2-218 FA
CPT David Larson A/249 Arm
CWO Michael Webster B/141 SPF
CWO Jeremy Haley C/2-218 FA

MSG Thomas Sterling HHR D-249 ECR
MSG Scott Lucas C/1-249 EN
SSgt David Pickert A/249 Arm

SPC Charles Breden HHR TARC
SPC John Engels HSTARC
SPC Marvin Leiter HRC A 11 B
SPC Lee Perin HRC A 11 B
SPC William Yeager HRC A 11 B
CPL David Conner HRC A 11 B

SSgt Anthony LeBeau B/1249 EN
SSgt Stephen Gracan 123 WD

SSgt Jeffrey Le Brum 129 WD
SSgt Jessica Le Brum 129 WD
SSgt Michael Petticord 129 WD
SRA Angela Fauveille 272 CBCS
SRA Zachary Williams 123 WD

Oregon Meritorious Service Medal

COL Shirley Fong I/HOS TARC
COL John Kendall 5th US Army
WOS Melanie Smith HOS TARC
MSG David Lodding HOS TARC
MSG Robertson Cope HBC A-162 IN

Air Force Commendation Medal

MSgt Kevin McMichael 142 MSF
TSgt Ilene Lou Nguyen 142 MSF
TSgt Amy Smith 142 MSF
TSgt Richard Trammel 142 MSF
SRA Rebecca Marshall HQRANG

MSGT Ross Johnson 272 CCS
SRA David Coverstone 244 CCS

TSgt Loren Bell 901 USAF Recruiting

Air Force Achievement Medal

TSgt James Scott 142 MSF
SSgt Alan Debrun 244 CCS
SRA William Berger 272 CCS

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